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SUSSAN LEY'S REAPPOINTMENT WELCOMED

The Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association (ADIA) has welcomed Sussan Ley's reappointment as Federal Health Minister in the new Coalition cabinet.

"I congratulate the Minister and look forward to continuing our positive working relationship," said ADIA President, Dr Christian Wriedt.

ADIA worked constructively with the Minister for many months before the recent election, resulting in the Coalition's commitment to actively address patients access to affordable diagnostic imaging services.

"For years, rebates for diagnostic imaging haven't kept up with costs so patients have been paying bigger and bigger gaps," Dr Wriedt said.

"Diagnostic imaging – including ultrasounds, X-rays and MRIs – is a vital health service which provides for the early detection and management of a huge range of conditions, from broken bones through to cancer, neurological disorders and heart conditions.

"But a growing number of Australians face very significant cost hurdles.

"This Government and this Minister have committed to tackling this crucial issue from a funding and a structural perspective and we look forward to Ms Ley's on-going involvement to deliver better outcomes to millions of diagnostic imaging patients nationwide," Dr Wriedt said.

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